



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

15 The Reissue Of) Examiner: M. Hartley
U.S. Pat. No. 5,413,774)
Reissue Serial No. 09/115,963)
Filed: July 15, 1998)
For: Long-Lasting Aqueous Dispersions)
Or Suspensions Of Pressure-)
Resistant Gas-filled Microvesicles)
And Methods For The Preparation)
Thereof.)
January 31, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2002 ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above referenced application, Schneider et al., U.S.S.N. 09/115,963 (hereinafter referred to as "the '963 application") which is the reissue application for U.S. Pat. No. 5,413,774.

A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 7, 2002 which extended the time for filing a Response until October 7, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time in which to submit a Request for Continued Examination so that this response or an amendment in response to the Office Action may be considered. The fee for a four-month extension of time is ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1450.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now February 7, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.